

# Memorandum

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**Subject :** **DELTA ENERGY STATUS REPORT 3—June 23, 1999**

Staff is beginning to write their various sections of the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA). We plan to have the PSA completed and filed by the Committee-ordered date of August 2, 1999. We will attempt to file the PSA a week early but workload levels and resolution of various issues may hinder our efforts to file early (see discussion below).

We recently met with Calpine/Bechtel on their informal request for staff to expedite our portion of the schedule. They requested that staff file the PSA 3.5 weeks early and the Final Staff Assessment (FSA) 4.5 weeks ahead of the schedule agreed to in the Committee order. After careful consideration of our workload and the status of the eight other siting cases we are currently processing, we are not in a position to accelerate the schedule as requested.

The schedule as it is now structured calls for a Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) on June 21, 1999, followed by the PSA from staff on August 2. The District would then issue the Final Determination of Compliance (FDOC) on August 19, 1999 and staff would follow with the FSA on September 20, 1999. It is important to keep a minimum of four weeks between the District filing of the PDOC and staffs PSA and a second four weeks between the FDOC and FSA. This time is necessary to conduct air quality workshops to resolve any potential outstanding issues. Staggering the schedule in this manner is vital so that our PSA and FSA incorporate the District's conclusions, recommendations and findings. Based on recent conversations with the District, the June 21, 1999 date for the PDOC will not be met and it appears likely that the August 19, 1999 date for the FDOC will also be missed. Workload concerns are causing the District's schedule to slip.

Below is a summary of some additional critical dates that would need to be met for staff to complete the FSA by September 20, 1999.

- ❑ Completion of the Biological Assessment by June 30, 1999.
- ❑ Draft Fish and Game and USF&WS opinions received before the evidentiary hearings begin.
- ❑ Streambed alteration permit received by August 12, 1999.
- ❑ Water issues resolved including description of the waste water discharge process and pre-treatment application to Delta Diablo Sanitation District by August 12, 1999.

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- ❑ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit issues resolved by August 12, 1999.
- ❑ Air quality issues and differences (such as BACT for CO) between the District and EPA resolved by August 12, 1999.
- ❑ The District's FDOC issued by August 19, 1999.
- ❑ The re-analysis of the Detailed Facilities Study by PG&E completed and the review, comment and approval gained from the Cal-ISO by August 12, 1999. (To meet schedule we are assuming that the DEC project will not include any downstream transmission upgrades that would have to be analyzed under CEQA).
- ❑ All transmission issues (such as location of transition station and pump station, location of transmission line north of truck bypass in railroad right of way, existing 115 KV line, underground configuration) are all resolved by August 12, 1999.
- ❑ Recommendation from the City of Pittsburg on the height variance received by August 12, 1999.
- ❑ The request for a 100-foot ladder truck and Type 1 fire engine, made by the Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (letter dated June 11, 1999) resolved by August 12, 1999.

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